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Applicant(s) : Horst Gafe, et al
Serial No. : 09/744,484
Int. Filed : JULY 17, 1999
For : METHOD AND DEVICE FOR EXCHANGING SHEARS
IN THE CUTTING TO LENGTH OF STRIPS OR
SHEETS IN THE ROLLING OR TRANSPORT LINE
Examiner : Jason Prone
Art Unit : 3724

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RESPONSE

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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 5, 2003, applicants respectfully submit that the amendment mailed September 25, 2003, did comply with the current claim requirements.

Specifically, as pointed out in the response mailed April 9, 2003, claims 1-11 of the International phase of this application were replaced by new claims 1-8, and the national phase of this

application was entered with these claims 1-8. In the subsequent Office Action dated June 26, 2003, the Examiner confirmed that claims 1-8 are pending in the application.

Accordingly, it is submitted that it is clear from the above that the last amendment did comply with the current claim practice requirements.

Respectfully submitted,
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